WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image recognition system comprising:

means for capturing a three dimensional image;

means for parsing said three dimensional image into a plurality of two-dimensional images; and

means for comparing at least two of said two-dimensional images to a database of a plurality of two-dimensional images.

- 2. An image recognition system according to claim 1 further comprising: means for displaying a result of said comparison.
- 3. An image recognition system according to claim 1, wherein said means for comparing comprises:

means for digitizing a two-dimensional image.

4. An image recognition system according to claim 3 wherein said means for comparing further comprises:

means for storing a digitized two-dimensional image.

5. An image recognition system according to claim 4, wherein said means for comparing further comprises:

means for searching a database of two-dimensional images.

6. An image recognition system according to claim 1, wherein said means for capturing a three dimensional image comprises at least one of a visual optical digital camera, a digital video camcorder, an infrared camera, and a webcam.

7. An image recognition system according to claim 1, wherein said means for capturing a three dimensional image comprises:

a fingerprint scanner.

8. An image recognition system according to claim 1, wherein said means for comparing comprises:

a server.

9. An image recognition system comprising:

an image peripheral;

a processor system connected to said image peripheral, wherein said processor system constructs and captures a three dimensional image from signals received from said image peripheral, parses said three dimensional image into a plurality of two-dimensional images, and compares at least two of said plurality of two-dimensional images to a database of two-dimensional images.

- 10. An image recognition system according to claim 9 wherein said processor system comprises a server.
- 11. An image recognition system according to claim 9 wherein said processor system comprises:

a first processor for constructing and capturing a three dimensional image from signals received from said image peripheral and for parsing said three dimensional image into a plurality of two-dimensional images; and

a second processor for comparing at least two of said plurality of two-dimensional images to a database of two-dimensional images.

- 12. An image recognition system according to claim 11 wherein said first processor and said second processor are connected to each other through a network.
- 13. An image recognition system according to claim 12 wherein said network comprises a high-speed network.
- 14. An image recognition system according to claim 9 wherein said image peripheral and said processor system are connected to each other through a network.
- 15. An image recognition system according to claim 11 wherein said second processor comprises a server.
- 16. An image recognition system according to claim 9, wherein said image peripheral comprises at least one of a visual optical digital camera, a digital video camcorder, an infrared camera, and a webcam.
 - 17. An image recognition system comprising:

an image capture station for capturing three dimensional images, said image capture station comprising an image peripheral, a first processor, and a first memory, wherein said image capture station stores a three dimensional image captured by said image peripheral in said first memory and said processor parses said three dimensional image into a plurality of two dimensional images; and

an image identification station, connected to said image capture station, comprising a second processor and a second memory, wherein said image identification station receives said plurality of two-dimensional images from said image capture station

and compares said plurality of two dimensional images to a database of two dimensional images.

- 18. An image recognition system according to claim 17 further comprising an intranet; wherein said image capture station and said image identification station are connected to each other through said intranet.
- 19. An image recognition system according to claim 18 wherein said intranet comprises a wireless network.
 - 20. A method of identifying images comprising the steps of:

capturing a three-dimensional image;

parsing said three-dimensional image into a first plurality of two-dimensional images; and

comparing at least two of said first plurality of two-dimensional images to a second plurality of two-dimensional images.

21. A method of identifying images according to claim 20 further comprising the step of:

displaying a result of said comparison.

- 22. A method of identifying images according to claim 21 further comprising the step of storing said captured three-dimensional image in a database.
 - 23. An image recognition system comprising:

an intranet;

a database server connected to said intranet;

a 3D image capture station connected to said intranet, said 3D image capture station comprising a CPU and an image peripheral; and

a 2D image identification station connected to said intranet, said 2D image identification station comprising a CPU;

wherein said 3D image capture station captures a three dimensional image, parses said three dimensional image into a plurality of two dimensional images, and transfers at least two two-dimensional images parsed from said three-dimensional image to said 2D image identification station.

- 24. An image recognition system according to claim 23, wherein said 3D image capture station further comprises a video server connecting said image peripheral to said CPU.
- 25. An image recognition system according to claim 23, wherein said 2D image identification station compares said at least two two-dimensional images received from said 3D capture station to a plurality of known two-dimensional images.
- 26. An image recognition system according to claim 24 wherein said video server is connected to said CPU through a wireless connection.
- 27. An image recognition system according to claim 24 wherein a plurality of image peripherals are connected to said CPU through said video server.